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Notice of Allowability**

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09/981,231

Examiner

Joseph Waks

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Board Decision of Sep 18, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17,20-23,29-37,44-70 and 72-77.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The examiner's amendment issued on December 6, 2006 contained an erroneous cancellation of claims 24 and 42. The following is to correct the error.
2. In view of the Board of Patent Appeals decision of May 19, 2006 the application has been amended as follows:

Claims 9, 10, 15-17, 44, 45, 50-56, 72 and 74 are allowed.

Cancel claims 18-28, 71 and 39-43.

Add the following new claims

Claim 75. (New) A wind powered electrical generation system comprising:

a tower including a vertical elevator, the vertical elevator having a track and a carriage configured to move along the track; and

a wind powered generator configured to be connected to the carriage, the wind powered generator including a plurality of airfoils and an electric generator;

wherein the wind powered generator can be removably placed within the carriage after the tower has been erected and lifted vertically with the carriage to position the wind powered generator at a top of the tower; and

wherein the wind powered generator can be removed from within the carriage after the carriage has been lowered; and

wherein the carriage includes a pivot ring configured to accept the wind powered generator therein; and

the pivot ring includes a plurality of roller bearings configured to accept a portion of the wind powered generator thereon, thereby allowing the wind powered generator to rotate.

Claim 76. (New) A wind powered electrical generation system comprising:

a tower including a vertical elevator, the vertical elevator having a track and a carriage configured to move along the track; and

a wind powered generator configured to be connected to the carriage, the wind powered generator including a plurality of airfoils and an electric generator;

wherein the wind powered generator can be removably placed within the carriage after the tower has been erected and lifted vertically with the carriage to position the wind powered generator at a top of the tower; and

wherein the wind powered generator can be removed from within the carriage after the carriage has been lowered; and

wherein: the carriage includes a plurality of contacts configured to contact a rotating portion of the wind powered generator to allow power to be transferred from the wind powered generator to a remote point.

77. (New) A wind powered generator comprising:

a housing;

a rod configured to rotate within the housing;

at least six spars connected to the rod and extending radially therefrom;

an airfoil connected to each of the spars at a location distal the rod; and

a generator located upwind of the spars and interconnected to the rod;

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wherein the spars and the rod will rotate as wind passes the airfoils, thereby powering the generator; and

a vertical leg connected to the housing;

wherein the housing is connected to an end of the vertical leg at a position off center from an axis of the vertical leg.

3. The following is the examiner's reason for allowance:

Regarding claims 9, 10, 15-17, 44, 45, 50-56, 72 and 74, the examiner's rejection was not sustained by the Board.

Regarding claim 75, examiner rewrote claim 24 as independent claim to include the limitations of the independent claim 18.

Regarding claim 76, examiner rewrote claim 25 as independent claim to include the limitations of the independent claim 18.

Regarding claim 77, examiner rewrote claim 42 as independent claim to include the limitations of the independent claim 39.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Waks whose telephone number is (571) 272-2037. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8 am to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren E. Schuberg can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone

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